Direct Financial assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions

*91. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made Panchayats as nodal agencies for rural development;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government are sending direct financial assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions; and

(c) if so, what is the quantum of money allocated to Himachal Pradesh, Panchayat-wise and district-wise during 1999-2000 for rural development?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Funds under the Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) and the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) are released to the Panchayati Raj Institutions through the District Rural Development Agencies/Zila Parishads.

(c) The Ministry is not monitoring the Panchayat-wise allocation of funds. The district-wise Central allocations to Himachal Pradesh, during 1999-2000, for major rural development programmes, are given in the attached Statement.

Statement

District-wise Cent rat Allocation to Himachal Pradesh during 1999-2000 for major Rural Development Programmes

(Rs. in lakhs)

SIN	Name of the	JGSY	JAY	SGSY	EAS	NSAP		
						NFBS	NMBS	NOAP
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Bilas pur	51.54	33.06	21.09	49.01	1.94	0.95	13.51
2	Chamba	97.09	35.41	49.21	95.98	1.74	1.99	18.00
3	Hamirpur	50.52	21.85	35.16	47.80	2.38	1.23	16.91
4	Kangra	114.81	73.52	84.37	188.22	6.31	5.31	53.72
5	Kinnaur	59.74	13.96	21.09	30.97	0.49	0.36	3.27
6	Kullu	70.05	20.86	35.16	68.19	1.88	1.36	13.81
7	Lahaul & Spiti	49.93	6.78	14.07	10.61	0.37	0.13	1.44
8	Mandi	100.37	42.62	70.30	152.09	4.12	2.72	35.51
9	Shimla	86.39	33.89	56.23	127.53	3.11	1.7	28.28
1	Sirmour	72.46	105.04	35.16	71.62	2.54	1.25	17.34
1	Solan	68.91	70.47	35.16	67.31	3.93	0.91	17.47
1	Una	47.35	57.54	28.12	50.23	1.12	1.29	17.30
	Total	869.16	515.00	485.12	959.56	30.73	19.10	236.55

JGSY	Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana
IAY	Indra Awaas Yojana
SGSY	Swaranjajyanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana
EAS	Employment Assurance Scheme
NSAP	National Social Assistance Programme
NFBS	National Family Benefit Scheme
NMBS	National Maternity Benefit Scheme
NOAPS	National Old Age Pension Scheme

Sale of Badarpur Thermal Power Station to Private Sector

*92. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL:
SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is likely to sell Badarpur Thermal Power Station, a profit making generating station of NTPC, to private sector producer (Tata Electric);

(b) what are the details of the proposal; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI PR. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c) Tata Electric Company made a presentation to Ministry of Power on the Badarpur Thermal Power Station in January, 2000. The presentation by Tata Electric Company was on a model in which disinvestment by the Government in the power station was suggested to bring operational efficiency and fiscal discipline. Government has not taken any decision to sell the Badarpur Thermal Power Station so far.

Vacancies in NEHHDC

*93. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vacancies in the North Eastern Regional Directorate of Handloom and Handicrafts, cadre-wise and the action taken to man those offices for effective implementation of various schemes;

(b) the total cadre-wise strength of NEHHDC, annual turnover, establishment expenditure, amount allocated and utilised for development activities in various sectors during the last five years;